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SUBJ: 59TH ECOSOC: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA

1. MINCOUN HAD LONG CONVERSATION WITH CABRIC (YUGOSLAVIA),
FRAZAO (BRAZIL), MILLS (JAMAICA), AND SMID (CZECHOSLOVAKIA).

2. IN FOUR MEETINGS (LA GROUP, COMMITTEE OF 27, COMMITTEE OF 15,
AND OF THE GROUP OF 77) THE LDC'S SPLIT INTO TWO CAMPS. THE
FIRST OF THESE ARE THE HARDLINERS (MEXICO, INDIA, AND ARGENTINA)
WHO SEEM HELLBENT ON PLYING A CONFRONTATION LINE. THE SECOND
GROUP, WHOSE NUCLEUS IS BRAZIL, YUGOSLAVIA, PHILIPPINES, AND JA-
MAICA, IS ARGUING FOR A "NON-ATTRITION STANCE", I.E., NO ITEMS
SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ON WHICH CONSENSUS
UNLIKELY.

3. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT THESE LINES ARE HARDENING AND WILL PRO-
BABLY CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS COMMENCE O/A
JULY 20 ON SUBSTANCE OF 7TH SS. THIER FEELING IS THAT WE SHOULD
IN FACT BEGIN TO SERIOUSLY EXPLORE ELEMENTS OF GA AGENDA AND IS-
SUES FLOWING THEREFROM. CONCOMITANTLY, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO
ENVISION HOW THE SEVERAL ITEMS FINALLY INSCRIBED SHALL BE HANDLED,
I.E., WHETHER BY INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS OR A DECLARA-
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TION AND/OR ACTION PROGRAM. THE MODERATE GROUP FEELS THAT WE

SHOULD STRIVE TO HAVE A BROAD OUTLINE OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND PROCEDURE IN MIND BY THE ADJOURNMENT OF ECOSOC ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN AMB FERGUSON'S SPEECH 4 JULY. THIS WOULD THEN PERMIT GOVERNMENTS TWO WEEKS WITHIN WHICH TO FORMULATE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. DELEGATIONS WOULD THEN COME TO THE 3RD PREP COM AUGUST 18 PREPARED TO TAKE PRELIMINARY DECISIONS AD REFERENDUM.

4. ON THE THEORY THAT THIS BROAD-BRUSHED SKETCH OF THE 7TH GA COULD BE FINALIZED AT THE NAG PERM REP LEVEL ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 23, THE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING AT LIMA COMMENCING AUGUST 25 WOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO RATIFICATION OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT NEW YORK. MISLLS, FRAZAO, AND CABRIC BELIEVE THAT THIS TACTIC WOULD MINIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REOPENING THE NEGOTIATED PACKAGE AT LIMA SINCE THE WEIGHT OF A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT WHICH DEMONSTRATES FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE PRIORITY ISSUES AGREED TO BY LDC'S AND DC'S WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE. MOREOVER, A MAJORITY OF THE SOBER MEMBERS OF THE G-77 WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO RISK CONFRONTATION AT THE EXPENSE OF PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

5. COMMENT: SUBSEQUENTLY, AMB FERGUSON INFORMED BY PAKISTANIS THAT THEY HAVE DEFINITELY TAKEN A POSITION WITH THE "NON-ATTRITION GROUP". THEY CONTINUE TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS SOME SUBSTANTIVE MOVEMENT ON PART OF U.S. IS MADE IN ECOSOC POSITION OF "NON-ATTRITION" GROUP WILL BECOME UNTENABLE.DALE

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